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1. More than 20,000 armed Chinese irregulars, all former bandit guerrillas, are working for the Communists in Yenan and Kweichow. CHUANG Tien, Commander-in-Chief of these irregulars [redacted] CHUANG Tien's second in command, CHU Chia-pi, is now in Kunming.

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2. A year and more ago the Nationalists controlled the larger, more strategic cities in Yenan, while the people favored the Communists. Today the situation is reversed. The Communists hold the cities, but are resented by the country people. The Yenanese deeply resent the high taxes and the levies of rice imposed on them by the Communists. Hundreds of truck-loads of rice collected in Yenan have been taken to Kunming for shipment to Central China, and the Yenanese, who have always had a sufficient supply of rice, are now facing a rice shortage.

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